

Cheyenne-Laramie County Health Department  
Board of Health  
May 18, 2021

A quorum was present

**Board Members:**

Dr. Darryl Bindschadler  
Gus Lopez  
Dr. Lorie Chesnut  
Dr. Brad Kincheloe (ZOOM)

**Others in Attendance:**

Troy Thompson (Zoom)	Gladys Ayokosok (Zoom)
Dr. Kathy Emmons	Roy Kroeger
Dee Determann	Trudy Eisele (Zoom)
Dr. Stan Hartman	Emily Robinette
Jeff White (Zoom)	

Dr. Bindschadler called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

The agenda was unanimously accepted.

Dr. Kincheloe moved to accept the minutes, which was seconded by Dr. Chesnut and was unanimously accepted.

Mrs. Eisele covered the Treasurer's report for April 2021 with an ending balance of \$2,280,922.44. We currently have \$1,180,992.94 in checking and \$1,500,000 in the Wyoming Investment account. The treasurer's report was moved by Mr. Lopez and seconded by Dr. Chesnut.

Ms. Determann covered the revenues of \$213,591.16 and expenses of \$354,741.86. She covered that the COVID revenues and expenses have been separated to their own revenue and expense reports and that COVID report covers from December 30, 2020 until present. Dr. Kincheloe moved the reports, seconded by Dr. Chesnut and passed unanimously.

**Contract/Agreements:**

Dr. Emmons introduced the renewal contract between Cheyenne-Laramie County Health Department and Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division. This is a one-year contract for \$264,950.00 for public health emergency preparedness and response. Dr. Bindschadler inquired if the grant was workable with amount of deliverables. Dr. Emmons replied that we were able to meet the challenge and Peter Demaree has been able to align COVID responsibilities to check off many of the requirements.

Dr. Bindschadler asked how we spread the responsibilities of the requirements. Dr. Emmons responded that we have hired a part time employee and that Nursing, Environmental Health, and Administration all help meet the requirements.

Mr. Lopez inquired if we are still doing the Porta Count tests. Dr. Emmons informed the Board that Mr. Demaree went to Aniston AL. last week for training. He has been testing outside agencies, as many of those organizations are not doing FIT testing. He also inquired if a full-time staff may be needed in the future. Dr. Emmons replied that we are looking into that possibility.

Mr. Lopez moved the renewal contract, which was seconded by Dr. Chesnut and passed unanimously.

**Official Business:**

Mr. Kroeger discussed the fee increase will be approximately \$15,000 and he has met the requirements for public notice. We have not received any public comments.

Dr. Bindschadler opened the public hearing and received no public comments. The fee increase was moved by Dr. Chesnut, seconded by Dr. Kincheloe and passed unanimously. The public hearing was closed.

Mr. Kroeger will schedule the fee increases with the City Council and County Commissioners in their June meetings and, if passed, the increases will take effect July 1, 2021.

**Information for the Board:**

Dr. Emmons briefed that we are vaccinating 12 year olds and up and have vaccinated about 300 last week.

CDC has relaxed the masking orders. You do not have to wear masks outdoors or indoors if fully vaccinated. We are going to keep the mask mandate in the building for the time being.

Cases are going down. However, we did receive 25 cases this morning, which is a large increase. Hospitalizations are also going up.

We currently have 20 entities that are providing vaccines and eight are doing the Pfizer vaccine which can immunize younger than 18. We are anticipating kids from Northern Colorado coming in for vaccinations.

We will be having Johnson & Johnson clinic every Wednesday.

If contact tracing numbers get low, we may transfer the tracing, as it is not cost effective. We have lost some contact tracers as they have moved to permanent positions and we have not filled those positions.

There are some discrepancies in the CDC and the State COVID numbers as the CDC shows VA and FE Warren numbers and the State does not. The CDC shows that 31.8 of total Laramie County residents are fully vaccinated and 37.6% are vaccinated that are over the age of 12. 40.9% of those over the age of 18 are fully vaccinated while 71% of those over 65 are fully vaccinated.

Dr. Emmons pulled 30 COVID positive individuals and none was fully vaccinated. Two of the 30 had their first shot just days before testing positive.

CFD has donated two tickets to each of six concerts. We will be raffling those tickets for those who are vaccinated. We are pushing the raffle thru social media.

Dr. Hartman and Dr. Emmons did an interview with New York Times on the overall changes to Public Health due to the pandemic. In addition, Dr. Emmons was interviewed by Billboard Magazine and Dr. Hartman was interviewed by MSN.

The possible lawsuit has been dismissed.

We will continue to move forward on the accreditation and Dr. Emmons has met with CRMC and the State.

City Council meeting is tomorrow night on the budget.

Dr. Emmons inquired if we should work on the Medicaid package. It was determined that we should stay on the sidelines but stay informed.

Mr. Kroeger briefed that there is a lot of growth in Laramie County. Both septic and mortgage inspections are higher than last year. There are new plats in the City and County as well as new plan reviews on restaurants and business. Businesses are remodeling and there are several food trucks in the area.

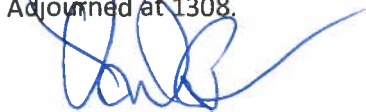
The Body Art regulation is at the attorney's office and may be ready by next BOH meeting. He is working with DFS on MOU for daycare centers, which will also go to the attorney's office for review.

The storage building has been approved for the 6<sup>th</sup> penny ballot under public safety bill #2.

The mosquito grant was cut by \$30,000. Two Mosquito Techs will start next week.

Environmental Health is down one inspector and a new one will start Jun 7<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Emmons mentioned that another inspector has been gone while training with the ANG.

Adjourned at 1308.



Dr. Darryl Bindschadler, President



Gus Lopez, Secretary